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Vehicle/Train having an efficiency that

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 7th October 2003, and the telephone interview on 6th February 2004 between the Examiner, applicant's representative Mr David Owen and Mr Paul Clarkson, please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the accompanying remarks: